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House Appropriations Request FY 2010

Project Name: Sweet Potato Pests
Recipient: North Carolina State University
Recipient Address: Campus Box 7214, Administrative Services III

Recipient City: Raleigh
Recipient State: North Carolina
Recipient Zip: 27695

Amount of Request: \$300,000

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds):

North Carolina is the nation's number one sweet potato producing state. In 2006, the *Plectric aliena*, an invasive white grub that has the potential to decimate the sweet potato crop, infested portions of North Carolina's sweet potato crop. The requested funding will be used to develop reliable tools to monitor the insect's presence and movement within the state and the region. The funding also will be used to develop effective management strategies to protect the sweet potato crop from *Plectric aliena*.

In order to offer more opportunity for public scrutiny, I have posted information on each project request submitted to the Appropriations Committee at the time the request was made.

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